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THE STATE CONVENTION BOARD (top photo) met in called session at the Baptist Building in Jackson April 28. Lower photo shows several present, from left: Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of Wm. Carey College; Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville, vice-chairman, Education Commission; Dr. E. R. Jobe, Jackson, member of Education Commission; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive secretary of board, and Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of Board.

Hospital Campaign Shows Progress

A total of \$690,213 has been pledged thus far toward a \$2,000,000 fund drive campaign on behalf of a new \$25,000,000 Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

That total was announced at a meeting at Primo's Northgate restaurant Wednesday noon by R. Baxter Wilson, chairman of the drive.

Zach Hederman reported that the Pattern Gifts Division has \$310,805 in pledges thus far — almost twice as much as it reported a week ago.

Ranking next in size was the \$246,590 reported by Dr. Tom Blake, chairman of the Professional Gifts Division, who said this is 62% of its \$400,000 goal.

Employees of the hospital pledged their \$100,000 goal in March — an accomplishment praised by Wilson, who presided at the report meeting.

"We want to compliment your folks at the hospital for already reaching their goal," Wilson told Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital.

Neal Cliriot reported that the Business and Industry Division, which reported \$5000 last week, now has \$16,400 in pledges after working a comparatively short time.

Minor Sumners, chairman of the Advance Gifts Division, accounted for another \$8,850, noting that his workers have had their cards "less than a week."

Frank Smith, chairman of the special Gifts Division, reported pledges totalling \$7,390. This was the first report from this division, which has had its cards less than a week.

Dr. J. H. Hendrick, in a special report titled "A Doctor's View of Baptist Hospital," said he is "very excited about the drive, and my enthusiasm is shared by other physicians."

He said Jackson "is becoming quite a medical town. We have 300 doctors here — and practically every kind of medical specialty you need."

"But we do need more hospital beds. And it's more than just beds, as you could imagine in the case of a patient who has something serious and who might be told 'Come back in two weeks.'"

"Medical practice has changed. Arrangement of hospitals are different. There are more specialized units, and so there must be more specialized equipment."

Dr. Hendrick cited the need for "a hospital that can afford expensive, specialized equipment. Baptist Hospi-

tal has shown its willingness and ability to do so.

"The hospital goes to extra lengths to do what will help the patient, and it is this attitude that makes the hospital great."

"We as physicians appreciate very much what you are doing at the hospital — as doctors, as citizens and as members of organizations interested in making Jackson a better place."

The administration plans a 600-bed hospital, with construction expected to start next year and be completed by 1974, according to the tentative schedule.

Hines Sims, SBC Music Leader, To Retire August 31

NASHVILLE (BP) — W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will retire August 31 after 24 years of service.

Before joining the board's church music department as associate secretary in 1946, Sims was minister of music for churches in Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. He became secretary of the department in 1952, succeeding B. B. McKinney.

He is responsible for directing the editorial work in publishing the department's music, periodicals, church study course books and in organizing and promoting the church music program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Editor and compiler of hymnals and music published by Broadman Press, Sims is also editor of the monthly magazine, The Church Musician, and of Baptist Hymnal, published by Convention Press. He is author of the Broadman book, The Work of the Minister of Music, and the Convention Press books, Instrumental Music in the Church, Church Music Manual, Song Leading, and You Can Lead Music.

Director of music conferences at Southern Baptist Convention assemblies, clinics and schools, Sims has

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Mother's Day May 10

"MOTHERHOOD is woman's great and incomparable work." Love's Coming of Age—(HMB PHOTO).

U.S. Defends Compulsory Service Academies Chapel

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Pentagon put two of its top men on the witness stand in U. S. District Court here to testify in support of compulsory chapel attendance at the nation's three military academies.

A case filed in the District Court charges that the military regulation is in conflict with First Amendment guarantees of religion. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed the suit in behalf of six midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy and one West Point cadet.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird and the three secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force are named as defendants.

At the three academies, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic services are provided on Sunday morning which the cadets and midshipmen must attend or risk punitive action.

At an earlier hearing, a Southern Baptist cadet from Camp, Ill., Lt. David Vaughn, told of his efforts to get permission to attend Southern Baptist services within a 15 or 20 mile radius of West Point, N.Y. Permission was never granted.

Lt. Vaughn testified that he was "disturbed" with many things said (at the cadet chapel service) that didn't agree with his beliefs. He explained that one of them was the attempt "to justify war on religious means."

His testimony came when Judge Howard F. Corcoran of the U. S. Dis-

trict Court heard testimony on whether the midshipmen and cadets had exhausted their internal administrative remedies before resorting to court action to force the policy change.

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, chief of naval operations and chairman-designate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that top military officials had reviewed the compulsory attendance rule and concluded the regulations should be continued.

Admiral Moorer defended the regulation as part of the whole package of the military's "leadership training" for future officers. Required chapel attendance puts the future officer in a position where he will get "a feel of the impact of religion on various individuals," he said, adding this will help an officer later in crisis situations.

Asked if a moral and ethics course could achieve this instead of forced chapel attendance, Admiral Moorer replied: "No, this is the best way to see how people live... and it is better to observe this in a real world than an artificial one."

When told that many church groups had urged that the requirement be lifted, Admiral Moorer said that opinion would not change his mind. "They are thinking in terms of 'forced worship' and we are thinking in terms of leadership training," he said.

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Where Are European Baptists Now Headed?

By Theo Sommerkamp, Director, European Baptist Press Service, RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — What future role will Baptists fill as a denomination in Europe? What course lies ahead for the international Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon?

These questions emerged from meetings of two European Baptist leadership groups, both of which convened in Ruschlikon.

"Do Baptists offer something distinctive as a denomination to Europeans today?" was a question raised in the annual meeting of general secretaries of Baptist unions in various countries.

Some were pessimistic about how much of a distinctive Baptist denomination will still exist in Europe at the end of the 20th Century.

A number of national unions decline in membership each year. Only a few make even modest gains, it was pointed out.

Free church mergers have been considered by some national Baptist groups in Europe. One Baptist union is thinking of merging its theological seminary with those of two other free church denominations.

In each European country, it was pointed out, Baptists are a tiny minority in the population. On the other hand, the Southern Baptist Convention which sponsors the international seminary here has majority status in many areas of the United States.

(In Richmond, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe and the Middle East, J. D. Hughey, took a differing view

when asked to respond to the report by European Baptist Press Service on the discussion of general secretaries of Baptist unions in Europe.

"I have great hope for the future of European Baptists, for American-European Baptist relationships, and for the role of Ruschlikon in Europe; and I think most Baptists in Europe share this hope," Hughey said.

"There are problems, and facing them may be a first step toward their solution," Hughey added.

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Spiritual Resurgence Is Cited Among Texas Baptist Young People

By Robert O'Brien, Baptist Press Staff Writer

DALLAS (BP) — A religious phenomenon — with youth at its hub — has swept Texas in recent months and raised speculation among Texas Baptist leaders that a spiritual awakening of far-reaching implications may be underway.

Some observable manifestations have included two record-shattering revivals at Baptist churches in Irving and Pasadena, Tex., a city-wide revival with 1,354 conversions in Waco, Tex., and what has been called a "spontaneous movement of the Holy Spirit" on the campuses of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and Texas A&M University in College Station, Tex.

The two church revivals, conducted almost back-to-back by Evangelist James Robison of Hurst, Tex., produced 708 professions of faith at

Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving and 861 professions of faith at First Baptist Church in Pasadena.

Records Broken

Texas and Southern Baptist Convention evangelism leaders said after each meeting that the figures broke all known records for professions of faith at a week-long Baptist church revival. Irving is a suburb of Dallas and Pasadena is a Houston suburb.

At the Pasadena church, only 16 of the 861 professions were from persons under 13 years old and only 12 were from adults, according to the pastor, L. D. Morgan. The large majority came from high school students.

In Irving, Pastor Don Dyer had the following partial breakdown of the 708 professions: 400 from teenagers in grades 7 through 12 and 200 from young adults under 35 years of age. Only a small number were from children under 11.

The eight-day city-wide crusade in Waco, also conducted by Robison, produced a total of 1,354 professions of faith, but results are too recent for an accurate analysis or age breakdown. Observers there said a large percentage of the conversions were among teenagers.

Similar results could be reported from crusades at the First Baptist Churches of Abilene and Lake Jackson, Tex., which reported 150 and 380 professions of faith respectively; and by the Texas Baptist Evangelism Division, which recorded 339 professions in an experimental Youth Encounter Crusade in Tyler, Tex.

Spiritual Happening

The "spiritual happening" at Southwestern Seminary took on an entirely different tone. Observers say the extent of its impact is hard to measure although they point to noticeable results.

The Southwestern phenomenon resembled in smaller degree that which swept the students and faculty last February at Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary, independent Wesleyan schools in Wilmore, Ky. The Asbury happening shut classes down for a week and spilled over into other campuses and communities from coast to coast, according to widespread reports.

In fact, according to Roy Fish of the Southwestern faculty, it spilled over onto the Baptist seminary's campus in March.

"Some faculty members and students here at Southwestern Seminary began two or three years ago to pray for spiritual renewal on campus," Fish said. "After hearing about the results at Asbury, we invited some of the students to come and share the experience with us. They did so, not only on the campus but in at least

seven churches around Fort Worth."

During the course of several days, at meetings ranging in length from two to nine hours on campus and in local churches, three young pastors' wives were among many who made professions of faith. Many other persons said their lives had taken on new meaning.

Some students, Fish said, admitted cheating on class work and were given the opportunity to correct their mistakes.

"From the standpoint of the apparent evidence of unusual work of the Holy Spirit, this is the greatest response I've ever seen," said Fish professor of evangelism and former pastor for 14 years.

The meeting at Texas A&M, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union as a revival, exhibited the same evidence of a spiritual presence and open confessions of cheating and ani-

mosities, according to BSU Director Bob Burch.

Common Aspects

Full information is not available on the city crusade in Waco and the church crusades in Abilene and Lake Jackson, but the other occurrences, although entirely unrelated, each have at least 10 aspects in common.

1. Reliable, objective observers have emphasized the absence of "cheap emotionalism." Fish summed up the range of opinion like this: "There has been depth and warmth of honest emotion exhibited but nothing that overemotionalized or cheapened the experience."

2. Those involved evaluated the results cautiously but most see the beginnings of a possible spiritual awakening of widespread proportions.

Dyer said, "I think we are seeing the first indications of a sweeping

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Christian Child Care And Spiritual Needs

By Paul Nunnery

Supt., Baptist Children's Village

According to informed observers, Baptist child care in Mississippi is church-related, if it is anything. Trustees and administration at The Baptist Children's Village repeatedly declare their conviction that child care is indeed "religion pure and undefiled," and that the need for a child care program in Mississippi today is a need which can only be filled by the gospel of grace.

Village authorities, while recognizing that nominal church membership and regular church attendance do not, of necessity, manifest real Christianity; insists nevertheless that the habit of punctual attendance upon formal services of church worship and consistent association with Sunday School and to the church auxiliaries represent necessary and critical links in the chain of our partnership between the church and the Christian home.

As a result, attendance at worship services, Sunday School and Training Union is required of every child and every resident staff member at the Village, each Sunday. Mid-week prayer services are conducted in Powell Chapel on the Village campus each Wednesday night, and family altars constitute an established and a vital part of daily living in each cottage-home on the Village campus.

A full week of specialized Christian teaching, preaching and counseling is planned each year during "Religious Emphasis Week," and every Village boy and girl of appropriate age is provided with an opportunity to spend a week at a Baptist Assembly in Mississippi during one of the summer periods of spiritual enrichment.

The administration at the Village maintains that this balance between the formal programs of worship in "public" churches and formal observation of worship in the cottage and on the Village campus materially assists in interpreting Christian principles such as love, faith and forgiveness to the boys and girls under care.

A licensed and ordained Baptist minister with experience in the pastorate and many years of special training and experience in the church's child care mission is a member of the administrative staff at the Village, directing all church-related activities and all spiritual counseling.

Served By Five Churches

Each cottage-home, as a family group, claims its own church home, among the five Southern Baptist churches in the city of Jackson which assists in the spiritual ministry to the children under care.

Visitors frequently comment upon the interest and heart-warming sight of more than 225 men and women, boys and girls moving from the Village campus each Sunday morning and evening to the services at their respective churches.

Records at the Village reveal that in the past 9 years alone, more than five hundred boys and girls have made public professions of faith and united with a Baptist church while in residence on the Village campus.

Through its own full-time department of music, Christianity is interpreted to and through the Village children in a therapy of love. Choral groups and instrumentalists from the Department of Music at the Village contribute to worship observations on the Village campus, and speak to children under care who are frequently disturbed emotionally in an almost universal language.

One of the more familiar sights in Baptist churches in Mississippi during the past several years is one of the Village choral groups testifying in song to the membership of local congregations. It is said that "The Trouble Teens," a girls' ensemble, fills approximately 200 such singing engagements each year.

Effective Methods Used

The staff at The Children's Village has declared again and again that its effort can be neither justified nor realized apart from the preaching and demonstrating of Christianity, using methods which have been found to be most effective with disturbed boys and girls who must live away from their natural families.

Hines Sims, SBC

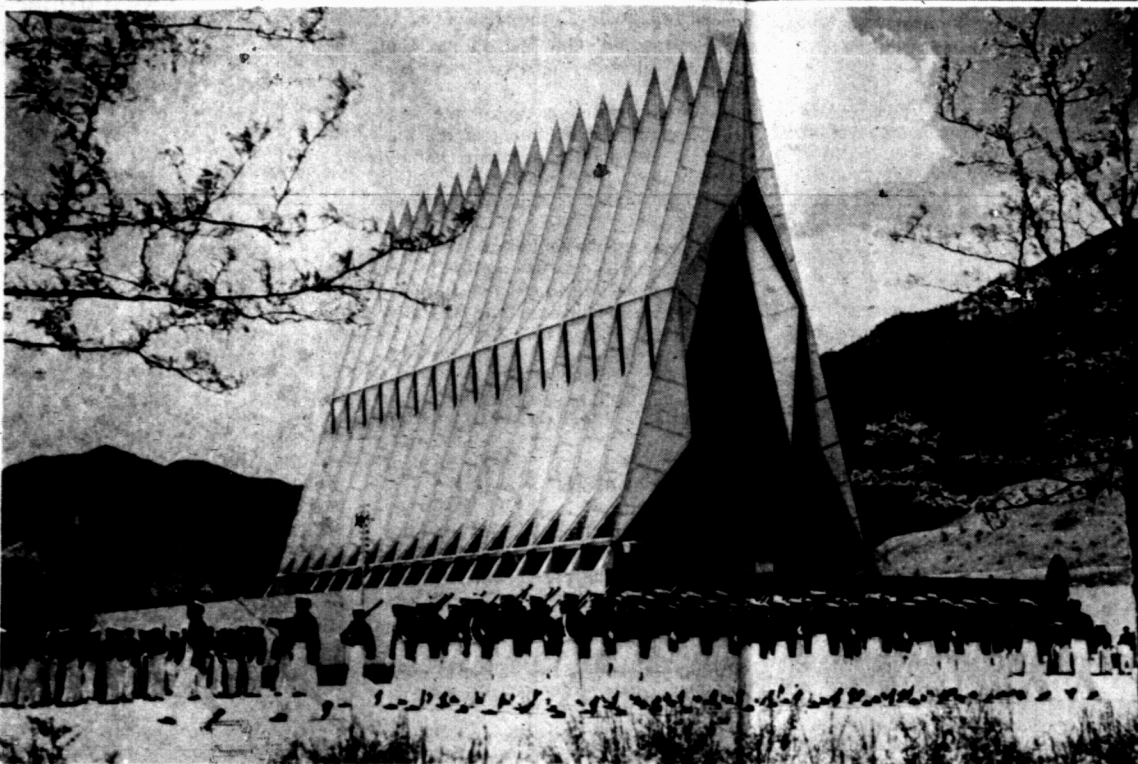
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served as director of music for a number of convention - wide annual meetings and other national meetings. He served as director of music for the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami in 1965. In 1969 he traveled in the orient as a music consultant under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

A native of Louisiana, Sims earned the bachelor of music degree from Centenary College, Shreveport. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and the master of arts degree in music education from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. He has done additional

During Christian Home Week, and on Mother's Day in particular, Baptists of Mississippi are provided the privilege of sharing in this unique and effective gospel ministry through a worthy share in the cash offering of their churches to The Baptist Children's Village.

Those directly involved in the responsibility remind Baptists each year that the children are dependent upon the churches of Mississippi for the funds through which Christian leadership and the expenses of the program provided for this leadership are made possible.



Cadets March At U. S. Air Force Academy Near Denver

THE CHAPEL at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, is the background for marching cadets. Many messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, Denver, June 1-4, are expected to visit

the 16,000-acre campus. The chapel with its seventeen spires soars 150 feet into the Rocky Mountain air—BP PHOTO

Spiritual Resurgence In Texas

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revival. Our young people have experienced something that I have never seen among young people in 20 years as a pastor.

"When we read of the history of revivals... very little is said about the beginning stages of a movement like this," said C. Wade Freeman, director of the Texas Baptist evangelist division. "However, I believe we are at the moment of beginning in Texas and throughout the United States."

"Like A Tide"

Fish, a student of the history of revival, had this evaluation: "Spiritual renewal is like a tide. It goes out and no one knows how long it will stay out. I think the awakenings at Asbury, Southwestern and many other places are evidence the tide is coming in. I think the decade of the '70s will be a decade of spiritual renewal."

3. The revival phenomenon - from coast to coast and throughout Texas - no matter what its form, has centered among young people - mostly on high school, college and seminary levels.

Many observers, from Billy Graham to spokesmen for non-Christian faiths, have traced the modern unrest of youth to spiritual hunger. "Young people," Evangelist Robison observed, "are restless and they are in the process of doing something, taking the lead boldly in doing either what is wrong or what is right. It depends on how they are pointed. I think a spiritual awakening will begin among young people and lead America back to God."

4. The revivals are not persons centered, like so many of the great revivals of history, nor are they clustered about an organization.

Although Robison has been given much credit for his forceful presentations in pre-revival meetings in high school assemblies and during the revival services in Irving, Pasadena and Waco, the widespread phenomenon cannot be tagged to a Robison, a Wesley, a Spurgeon or a Graham, observers pointed out. It has a study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Following retirement, Sims said he plans "to fish, golf and will continue to be available for crusades, revivals and music consultation." He will reside at 53 Meigs Drive, Shalimar, Fla.

SBC MESSENGER CARDS NOW AVAILABLE IN OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

All churches that plan to send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver are urged to write immediately to the office of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins for certification cards.

These cards should be filled out and signed by the proper church official so they will be ready for presentation to the convention's registration desk upon arrival in Denver.

Article III of the SBC Constitution reads as follows:

The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger from each such church which is in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work to the Convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).
4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

Messengers presenting properly prepared cards will be issued voting booklets, programs and other materials.

Those needing cards should write, stating the number needed, to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Late News Round-Up

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Wood Not From 'Ark,' Scientists Report

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Wood found on Mt. Ararat (Turkey) in 1955 and believed by some to be from Noah's Ark is not old enough to be from the Ark, according to scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Rainer Berger, head of the isotope laboratory at UCLA, said the sample was approximately 7,000 years old, a figure far below the biblical account.

Dr. Berger tested an oak beam discovered by Fernand Navarra, a Frenchman. The scientist said the "beam came from a tree felled around 700 A.D., or roughly 3,000 years after Noah is believed to have embarked." A similar opinion has been given by other universities.

Striptease Club "Closed Forever"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)—"Closed Forever" read the sign on the door of the Green Gate, a striptease club here for 17 years.

Owner Guy Linton said he had "changed over to the Lord's side" and was shutting down the night club for good.

Linton made his decision in the club after hearing a message by Bob Harrington, a Southern Baptist evangelist from New Orleans better known as the "chaplain of Bourbon Street."

Linton, who had been dubbed in show business magazines as the "King of the Strippers," met Harrington when the preacher was conducting evangelistic services in the Castle Hills Baptist Church here.

'School Prayer Float' Barred From Parade

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (RNS)—A float sponsored by a group seeking reinstatement of prayer and Bible reading in public schools has been barred from an American Legion parade here.

The parade committee of Lafayette Post 51 voted 3 to 2 against the proposed entry of the float sponsored by the Albert Gallatin Prayer and Bible Reading Association.

According to the majority of the committee, opposition was based on the premise that the float would have advocated the violation of a U. S. Supreme Court ruling banning prayers and Bible reading in public schools.

Hungarian Churches Mark Liberation Event

BUDAPEST (BP)—Baptists and other national free churches in Hungary celebrated together the 25th anniversary of Hungary's post-war liberation by the Russian army here.

The service celebrating the liberation took place in one of the largest Baptist churches in Budapest, but the church was not named in a report from the official Hungarian Church Press.

The news agency reported that a resolution was adopted by the meeting expressing thanks to God "for having permitted us to live in peace and security, to confess our faith freely and to serve the good of our fellowmen with good conscience."

A cantata was presented by a united choir of Adventists and Baptists.

Churches Said Far From Dead In USSR

AKRON, Pa. (RNS)—Churches are far from dead in the Soviet Union, the head of the Mennonite Central Committee reported here after touring the USSR with a Mennonite-Baptist team.

John A. Lapp was one of 10 persons who visited the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists). Exchanges between U.S. and Soviet Baptists-Mennonites are long standing.

He reported the following approximate statistics for the major religious groups in the U.S.S.R.: Russian Orthodox, 30 million; Baptists, 500,000; Lutherans, 100,000 and Mennonites, 40,000. There are smaller numbers of Methodists, Seventh-day Adventists, and an unknown but small group of Roman Catholics.

Johns Named Top Executive At Stetson

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)—The Stetson University board of trustees has elected John Edwin Johns, Stetson's business manager and vice president for finance and planning, as the Baptist school's president, effective immediately.

Johns has been serving as the chief executive officer on an interim basis since the death of Paul F. Geren in June of 1969. Geren has resigned as president following differences with the faculty shortly before he was killed in an automobile accident.

Johns, a 48-year-old educator, businessman, civic leader and churchman, was nominated by a special selection committee appointed in June.

Alaska Baptist Office Ruled Tax Exempt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)—The Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly, organized as a board of equalization, ruled here that the Baptist Building housing offices of the Alaska Baptist Convention should be tax-exempt after a lengthy discussion with Baptist leaders.

The Baptist Building was not taxed prior to 1970, but the facilities received an assessment, as did all other denominational facilities here, after an Alaska Supreme Court decision sustaining taxation of a Seventh Day Adventist residence-office facility for denominational officials.

By a vote of 7-0, the tax equalization board ruled that the Baptist Building should be tax exempt after hearing an appeal from Convention Executive Secretary E. W. Hunke who stated that the building "was a religious office-facility used only for religious and charitable purposes."

Southern Baptist Day Set At Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (BP)—Saturday, June 20, has been designated as Southern Baptist Day at Wrigley Field here when the Chicago Cubs face the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Metro Chicago Baptist Association youth choir, directed by Robert Bruce, will sing, "Christ, The Only Hope" and "The Star Spangled Banner" on the field just prior to the opening of the game.

Lawrence Zea, Chicago Baptist Association Brotherhood president and coordinator for the special day, said that a block of 1,500 box seats has been reserved for Baptists. The seats, on the first base side, extend from home plate to the end of the field.

This is the third summer that a Southern Baptist Day has been observed at Wrigley Field, and the second year, for a Baptist choir to sing.

Hawaii Baptists Consider High Rise Development

HONOLULU (RNS)—The Hawaii Baptist Convention is considering a high-rise urban community development on its five-acre holdings as a way to earn enough money to keep open the Hawaii Baptist Academy. The convention's executive board recently deferred action on a proposal to close the small, 450-student academy because of financial difficulties. The board instead suggested a hearing be held to explore ways of solving the financial problems.

Dr. Edmond Walker, executive secretary of the convention, said that, although alternate methods were suggested to generate income for school operation and development, it was generally felt that "the best plan would be for optimum development of our property. The proposed building project would be along the line of an ideal urban community development, whereby you would provide housing and provide some financial means for operating the school."

Liberians Name New Baby For Church House Builder

GAYEH, Liberia (BP)—The parents of a baby, born in this village wanted to name their new son after a Southern Baptist missionary, Paul Grossman, who was back in the United States on furlough.

But they could not remember the missionary's name. The Liberians customarily called him "Pastor" or "The Builder of the Church House" rather than by his name.

When Grossman returned to Liberia he made the 18-mile drive and four-hour walk to Gayeh. There he was introduced to his tiny namesake: "House-builder."

REVIVAL RESULTS

Cleaverdale, Natchez: April 26-May 2; Pastor James Messer, evangelist; music led by Darvin Barnes, music director, Washington Church, with Mrs. Barnes playing the piano; ten professions of faith; 22 rededications (Mr. Messer went to the church as pastor, from Hepzibah Church, Jeff Davis County, in March.)

Personal Testimony

8. Personal testimony played a key

Southern Baptists' Greatest Danger

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City

A man expressed fear about passing a cemetery at night. Asked if he feared that the dead people would hurt him, he replied, "No, but I'm afraid they'll make me hurt myself."

"That is the greatest danger facing the Southern Baptists today. The forces shall hurt them. But that they may cause them to hurt themselves. Southern Baptists should ever be critical of themselves. But the criticism should be constructive and spoken in love. Such checks and balances will serve to guard them against extremes in either direction."

However, in recent years we have come to our annual sessions in an atmosphere of crisis. These crises are largely brought on by outsiders whose only purpose is to destroy not to build. Their attacks can harm us only as we ourselves react to them in such fashion as to effect our own self-destruction.

Some irresponsible newspaper headline or article designed to create a crisis sets us against each other. Independents who pose as self-appointed defenders of the faith once delivered to them would like nothing better than to siphon off our resources for support of their own causes. And tragically we fall into their snares as we trust them rather than our own local pastors and denominational leadership. We must not allow such to cause us to hurt ourselves!

Basic Actions.

If this is not to be the case at least three things must be done. First, we must get back to the basic element of our faith, the competency of every soul before God. This means, among other things, that every soul is competent to approach God for himself, to trust in Christ for himself, to pray to God through Jesus Christ directly, and to read and interpret the Bible as he feels led by the Holy Spirit.

Take this last matter as an example. Even the Holy Spirit does His work through imperfect human instruments. It is in this fact that our differences in interpretation of the Scriptures lie. But with the freedom allowed, the amazing thing is not that there are differences among us but that there are so few.

However, this competency also implies responsibility. But again this responsibility is to God not to one's brethren. If a man errs from the truth God should judge him, not other finite and erring fellow-Christians. Each should declare the truth as he feels led to see it. But he should leave God to deal with himself and others as He sees fit.

Commentary Not Official

The Broadman Bible Commentary is the fruit of years of prayer and careful planning. But it has never been regarded as the official statement of our faith. When completed it will be a composite of the efforts of many dedicated people, each endeavoring to interpret given portions of the Bible as he sees it, not as every Southern Baptist sees it. We are Baptists, not Roman Catholics whose imprimatur on a book label means that it is official church teaching. No man alive could write such a book for Southern Baptists. And no human being could write an interpretation of the Bible with which every Southern Baptist would agree. So when an author says in personal pronouns what he believes, we should leave it just there. If I agree with him then I make it my belief. But I do it, not the author of the volume. At the same time, if I do not agree with him I let him speak for himself. When I interpret a passage I speak for myself and no one else.

No Creed

Even "The Baptist Statement of Faith and Message" is not a creed.



155,000th Copy

Nashville — BROADMAN PRESENTATION — Robert E. Naylor (left), president of Southwestern Seminary, receives the 155,000th copy of his book, "The Baptist Deacon," a Broadman Press release. The presentation was made by Ras B. Robinson (right), manager, Broadman books department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Yet with few negative votes in Kansas City in 1963 it was adopted without changing a punctuation mark. The framers of the 1925 Statement were careful not to make it binding on the individual conscience. And the committee of 1962-1963 was dedicated to preserving this safeguard. Otherwise it is safe to say that the Convention would not have adopted it. If the Convention would not make it binding on the individual conscience, then no person or group of persons should try to do so. This is true regardless of what theological label others try to put on such. This Statement was deliberately made broad enough to include all facets of belief held by various people and-or groups within the Convention fellowship. This was the attitude with which all members of the revision committee faced the task.

Labels are deceptive. In 1963 a newspaper reporter referred to "liberal." But he added that a liberal Southern Baptist is a conservative Protestant. The truth of the matter is that ninety percent of Southern Baptists are in the middle of the road theologically with about five percent on either side. While the numbers on either extreme may increase as the membership grows, the percentage stays the same.

After the New Orleans Convention the writer received two letters, one from a so-called liberal and one from the so-called conservative. Each said that the other extreme was taking over the Convention. Both were wrong. The Convention is still largely made up of middle-of-the-roads.

In such a diverse situation only one position is appropriate for Southern Baptists. It is "Unity in Diversity." Such enables us to live together, each one in love speaking the truth as he feels led to see it. And all abiding by the fundamental tenet of the competency of every individual soul before God.

Truth Vs Error

Second, we must be willing to let the truth grapple with error, confident that truth will win the battle. Paul did this when he preached on Mar's Hill and when he faced the wicked city of Corinth. One can hardly imagine a more immoral audience than those to which Paul preached in Caesarea.

Largely through misunderstanding the recent seminar in Atlanta produced quite a tempest in a teapot. Some felt that certain speakers should not have been included on the program. And they have a right to their opinion. But what was lost in the furor is the fact that men of proven scholarship and devotion to Christian truth confronted these aliens and turned them back in wild rout. What should have been the occasion of rejoicing in victory among us became a civil war of recrimination. And the devil and his kind rejoiced.

It was said by some that the Seminary gave Playboy Magazine and "situation ethics" a platform from which to proclaim their evil wares. But such need no such platform. Playboy's publication on the news stands and "situation ethics" blared from the secular news media are all the platforms that they need.

We forgot that what actually took place was that the occasion gave a platform for Christian truth to come to grips with and expose these hellish things. It was truth facing error in open conflict, and on truth's own grounds and terms. It made Christian morality newsworthy. It is reported that the Atlanta papers gave a blow by blow account of the conflict, and rejoiced in the victory of truth.

"Earnestly Contend"

Incidentally "earnestly contend" in Jude 3 means to strive earnestly as athletes in a game or soldiers in a battle. It means to give all that you have against a common foe. The foe is ungodly men who would on the basis of God's grace for salvation practice and teach "lasciviousness" or the practice of every kind of immorality while denying the Mastership (despotism, Lordship) of Jesus Christ over their lives. The point primarily was not theological error but immoral living. This foe reads very much like Playboy Magazine and "situation ethics."

And they were to contend not defend the faith or Christian way of life. Rather than to protect this faith by remaining safely on the sidelines they were to be in the arena in the thick of the fight, using Christian truth as their weapon against evil. Actually "for the faith" in the Greek text may be either locative or instrumental case. So it could also read to contend or strive "in the faith" or "with the faith." In the faith they should resist immoral living. Or with the Christian faith or truth as a weapon they are to oppose such evils.

The Christian should never fear to engage truth in battle with error. Truth does not need defending so much as it needs declaring. A cur dog may bark and snarl at a trained German police dog snubbed to a post. One should not try to defend the police dog from the cur. Rather he should let the police dog loose, and he will

defend himself. He will send the cur running with his tail between his legs. Released truth will defend itself. And it will stand victor when every mongrel of error has run for cover.

Reason For Existence

Third, we must get about the main business of our reason for being. And that is preaching the gospel, winning lost souls to Christ, looking to the needs of humanity, defying pagan evil with Christian truth, and sending forth into the social order redeemed and developed Christians who will be salt and light to a rotting world society.

We are going to Denver to celebrate one hundred and twenty-five years of history as a people of God. No greater tragedy could befall us than that we should spend our time and spiritual energy chewing on each other. If we do, the world will laugh and the devil will rejoice. Let us not fight skirmishes and lose the war.

A man had some valuable fox hounds. One day with time on their hands (or paws) they got into a fight. The man saw his valuable property being chewed to pieces. Trying to separate the hounds he would grab a leg, drag a dog out of the pile, and fling him as far from the fight as he could. But each dog simply rushed

back into the snarling, biting mass. Finally, the man remembered that he had a fox in a pen. So he loosed the fox. The dogs forgot their differences as with one accord they raced after their common prey.

Turn Loose Some "Foxes"

In Denver let us turn loose some foxes. Let us go there in the spirit of prayer and brotherly love. We believe the Bible. We believe in the power of truth. So let us find God's will in proclaiming the will and way of God. Rather than to hurt ourselves let us to a messenger face our common enemy, Satan, and submit ourselves to Him who was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

The world needs our witness today as never before. By another year at Convention time, who knows but that we may have lost our opportunity to give it. The time is now! With one accord repeatedly in the past we have affirmed our belief in the Bible. It is high time that we turned its message loose upon the world in a manner never before seen.

Denver can be our finest hour. Or it can be our most tragic one. The answer is with us. No outside force can hurt us. God grant that we shall not hurt ourselves.

trovery over the question of biblical authority, and particularly inerrancy or infallibility. Some members of the faculty and the governing board of the institution resigned, but the controversy was not fully settled.

The seminary has as part of its doctrinal platform the assertion that the Bible is "free from all error in the whole and in the part." This was unacceptable to some in the institution, and the process of revising the statement of faith began. Sometime this spring the trustees will be called upon to adopt a new statement of faith that omits this assertion from Fuller's creedal commitment. The new statement will be more in harmony with the view of one protagonist in the school: that there is revelatory and non-revelatory Scripture: that which is revelatory has no errors in it; that which is non-revelatory has errors. Other schools have been struggling with the same question, although perhaps with less public scrutiny than Fuller, an institution of national and international prominence whose image is inextricably tied to Charles E. Fuller, the face and voice of the famous "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour."

Biblical Authority

The present agitation among Southern Baptists is hardly new but is notable for the large number of people involved, the seriousness of the assault, and the uncertainty of the outcome. The question of biblical authority has been raised before and has received answers. But whether earlier answers will continue to be satisfactory cannot yet be determined.

In 1879 the Toy case brought the issue of biblical infallibility to light. Crawford Howell Toy was an Old Testament professor at Southern Baptist Seminary who had studied in Germany. Acknowledging his "divergence from the prevailing views in the denomination," he presented to the trustees of the seminary a paper outlining his position. At the same time he offered to resign if his viewpoint was not satisfactory. The board accepted his resignation with two dissenting votes.

At the heart of Toy's position lay the conviction that the Bible is not infallible. He separated the spiritual message of the Bible from historical, geographical, and scientific matters. He held that the writers of Scripture were men of their times who entertained the prevalent ideas of the day about the universe, and that increased knowledge had revealed that these opinions were erroneous. "I find," he said, "that the geography, astronomy and other physical science of the sacred writers was that of their times. It is not that of our times, it is not that which seems to us correct, but it has nothing to do with their message of religious truth from God." He further said: "The prophets uttered everlasting truths which are embodied, and fulfilled in Jesus Christ and with which the geographical and political details have no essential connection." With regard to the New Testament he asserted: "I will not see lightly a historical or other inaccuracy in the Gospels or the Acts, but if I find such, they do not for me affect the divine teachings of these books. The centre of the New Testament is Christ himself, salvation is in him, and a historical error cannot affect the fact of his existence and his teachings."

Articles Of Faith

The issue raised by Toy in 1879 has come up again and again among Southern Baptists. It was against the backdrop of this sort of question that the convention adopted the Memphis Articles in 1925. These included a confession of faith that made the following statement about the Bible: "We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter."

Nearly four decades later the Kansas City Confession was adopted. It rose out of a controversy precipitated by the publication of a book on Genesis by a professor from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary "which some Baptists felt was not true to the historic position of Southern Baptists relative to the Scriptures." The 1963 action at Kansas City reiterated the assertion in the Memphis confession that the Bible is the Word of God and has "truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter." Before and after that decision, various Southern Baptist seminaries were disturbed by this question, and some professors, including the one from Midwestern, were removed from their chairs.

Turmoil

At this writing Southern Baptists are in greater turmoil over this question than ever before. There is more outward, vocal dissent, and the dissenters are more numerous and more determined. Moreover, there is no reason to suppose that the attitude of the dissenters parallels that of Toy in 1879, who subjected his future to the decision of his brethren and departed from the fellowship once they had decided that his views did not accord with those of the denomination generally.

The controversy was deepened by the publication last year of *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True* by Dr. W. A. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas. His book unquestionably was a response and a challenge to those in the convention who do not believe that the Bible is infallible. (Criswell occasionally overstates his case; for a review see the June 6, 1968, issue of *Christianity Today*, page 21.) The publication of the book by Broadman Press fanned the flames of discontent and brought violent reactions from those in the convention who disagreed with Criswell's views. He then published another book under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Robert Alley, professor of religion at the University of Richmond, called the second book "both sad and pathetic." And Reuben Alley, editor of the Virginia Baptist weekly *Religious Herald*, wrote that the Sunday School board "made a grievous mistake by allowing itself to become an instrument for stirring already troubled waters and for widening the breach between groups within the Convention."

Broadman Commentary

More fuel has been added to the fire by the publication of the new *Broadman Bible Commentary*, under the editorship of Clifton J. Allen, a retiree from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Reviewing the first of the Old and the first of the New Testament volumes, one writer stated:

Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of the evangelical reader, the Old Testament volume reflects the negative critical theories of the current old Testament scholarly consensus, and lacks the moderate conservatism of the New Testament volume. . . . Professor Davies held that God has given us two sources of revelation, the Bible and nature, and that we should assess the truthfulness of Genesis in matters of fact in accordance with the findings of science. . . . This dodge . . . robs the plain assertions of Scripture of normative significance and makes faith meaningless. To allow that the Bible is mistaken in the testable (scientific) parts is to make the claim wholly unconvincing that it is truthful in the untestable (theological) parts. . . . The introductory article to the entire series elaborates the low view of biblical inspiration that accounts for the disappointing nature of the Old Testament volume. Editor Allen rejects verbal and plenary inspi-

ration in favor of an imprecise "dynamic" theory (Clark Pinnock, in *Christianity Today*, December 5, 1968, issue, page 17).

Allen says: "Therefore, a dynamic view of inspiration is not dependent on a mystical, inexplicable, and unverifiable inerrancy in every word of Scripture or on the concept that inspiration can allow no error of fact or substance." The criticism of the Genesis commentary has stoked other fires in different quarters. J. Walsh Watts, former professor of Hebrew and Old Testament interpretation at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has entered the fray. "In response to requests from former students and intimate friends that I express my opinion of the treatment of Genesis in the *Broadman Bible Commentary*," he said, "I feel compelled to write frankly—briefly but frankly." After stating how he feels the commentary author undermines the infallibility of Scripture, Watts asks: "Can Southern Baptists remain loyal to their confession of faith in the inspiration of the Bible and promote a treatment that abuses it as this one does?" (*Baptist and Reflector*, March 5, 1970, pp. 6, 7).

Professors Of Religion

More recently, members of the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion convened for their annual meeting at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta. Professor T. C. Smith from Furman University called for a new look at the canon, message, and authority of the Bible. According to the *Capital Baptist*, Smith "said that modern Christians should have as much liberty in determining their canon as the church fathers had in their time. . . . He said that modern scholarship has more valid criteria for selection of the canon than did religious leaders sixteen centuries ago."

When the authority of the Bible is re-examined, Smith asserted, it is "the Bible, not God, whom we are questioning." This points to the heart of the problem. Criswell says that the only certain knowledge we have of God is what God himself has revealed; that what God has chosen to reveal is found in Scripture; and that, therefore, to question Scripture is to question God. On the other hand, says that to question the Bible is not to question God. Thus the final question is how much of the Bible is to be accepted as the source of religious knowledge.

Conservatives In Control

Criswell has the vote of the convention on his side. Both in 1925 and in 1963 it declared that the Bible is the Word of God and has for its matter "truth without any mixture of error." Smith and those of similar views are asking either that the convention change its statement on Scripture or that it allow those who disagree with that statement to continue in the convention, with the right to declare their opposing views freely and to seek to persuade others to them. Are not these persons placed in an ambiguous position in being related to a fellowship parts of whose confessions they cannot accept? Are they not opening themselves to the charge of disloyalty and subversion so long as they remain within a group whose statements place them outside its pale?

It is likely that the struggle will erupt on the floor during the annual meeting of the convention in June. And the fact that the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion has agreed to deal with the question of the authority of the Bible at its meeting next year is a guarantee that the issue will not be settled quickly. The Southern Baptist Convention cannot avoid full exposure of the question much longer. Where it goes in the next decade or two will be determined by how it answers the challenge it now faces.

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Carey's Student NEA Wins First Place

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE chapter of the Student National Education Association won first place at the annual Mississippi Student Education meeting in Jackson, for Highest Achievement in twenty major categories. This included excellence in membership, programs, meeting plans, projects, etc. Shown admiring the plaque which they will keep on the Carey campus for one year are: Dr. Hugh Dickens, chairman of the Carey Education and Psychology Department; Dr. R. G. Bigelow, distinguished professor and former head of the department; Yvonne Baggett, secretary of the organization; and Ken Shoemak, president.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I Shall Not Steal

I can say to the world, "Be honest."
But I cannot discipline the world to honesty.
I can say to myself, "Be honest."
And I can discipline myself to honesty.

Why be honest?
There is a law.
Christ came to fulfill the law.
So, I shall not steal.

Nine laws besides He came to fulfill,
Nine statutes for my living.

So: I shall not kill,
Neither shall I allow anger to overcome me.

I shall not commit adultery,
Nor shall I cause a man to lust.

I shall not have other gods before me,
Not even my husband or sons.

I shall not make any graven image to bow down and serve,
Not even my home.

I shall not take the name of my God in vain,
In fact, I shall not put myself in position to require swearing by anything.

I shall not desecrate the sabbath day,
Rather, I will gather my family together for worshipping God.

I shall not dishonor my Mother and Daddy,
Whether I live long or brief.

I shall not bear false witness against my neighbor
Even if she bears it about me first.

I shall not covet anything that is my neighbor's,
Even her own house. (And for me, that's a victory!)

And I shall be glad of heart to Christ for His blessings,
Particularly for these ten laws He came to fulfill.
Now I do not have to guess what I should — or should not — do.

Help Those Children!

The heart of the world goes out to needy children. When a child is hungry, or is abandoned, or is sick, or is lonely, or is in need of care, not a right thinking person in the world would turn him or her away. Certainly no Christian would turn such away.

Mississippi Baptists express that concern for children needing their assistance, largely through the ministry of Baptist Children's Village. For about three quarters of a century that institution has served, and thousands of children and young people have felt the power and blessing of its loving care.

The Children's Village probably is providing some of the finest service of its entire history right now. Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nunnery, and the competent and dedicated staff which assists them, the ministry centers in the splendid campus at the corner of Flag Chapel Road and Northside Drive in Jackson, but reaches out to the far corners of the state. The present day program of the home not only provides food, shelter, care, and education, in Jackson, but extends its ministry into the homes from which

the children come, to foster homes which aid in the care, and to other homes heeding the ministry to children. The home is outstanding among all the childcare ministries being provided by Southern Baptists.

The financial support for the Children's Village comes from the Cooperative Program and through gifts of interested individuals. About 70% of the support funds must come from individuals, since the Cooperative Program can provide only 30% of the actual needs. On Mother's Day of each year Baptists of the state are given opportunity to share in support of the Village with special love gifts. While such gifts may be made at any time of the year a large portion of the budget support comes in this special offering. Every Baptist in the state should participate. There is hardly one of us who could not give at least \$1.00, and most of us can give far more. A gift from every Baptist in the state, will more than provide for the institution's need.

Let's all join in helping the children next Sunday! Let us make a worthy offering to the Children's Village!



"...WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER" — 1 JOHN 3:11

NEWEST BOOKS

STUDYING LIFE AND WORK LESSONS by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, paperback, 128 pp.).

This book contains expository treatment of each Life and Work lesson for July - September, 1970. The approach to each lesson contains: an introduction, an examination of background materials and of the basic Scripture passages, and an outline. Greek and Hebrew words are explained, the central teaching of the lesson is clarified, and its truth applied to life.

YOUR EMOTIONS AND YOUR FAITH by Franklin M. Segler (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, 126 pp., \$1.50).

"What is the relationship of emotions to faith? Can we handle our frustrations and live happy, victorious lives knowing that we do not consistently live up to the Christian image we strive to reach? While emotions cannot be ignored, they are not a source of faith and commitment. We need to understand that our emotions and our faith are both parts of our inner experience. Understanding the relation between the two, and acting positively on the knowledge, will free us to more mature living." These are the main lines of thought in Dr. Segler's new book. Dr. Segler is professor of pastoral ministry at Southwestern Seminary.

OPENNESS AND FREEDOM by Albert McClellan (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, 126 pp., \$1.50).

Mr. McClellan, who is Program Planning Secretary, SBC Executive Committee, contends, "Openness and freedom are the Siamese twins of the happy life. Without openness, any freedom is an illusion; without freedom, any openness is an impossibility. They need and nourish each other. Unless a man is willing to be honest and straightforward in his dealings with other men, he raises the spectre of suspicion wherever he goes. The spirit of Christ is not

in him. He is a destroyer of freedom and the enemy of abundant life."

In this new book he has included chapters dealing with openness toward God, openness to life openness toward others, and openness toward self, on freedom in perspective, freedom under God, freedom to become, and freedom of the church.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN CONFLICT by Roger H. Crook (Broadman Readers' Plan Selection, 126 pp., \$1.50).

Today's Christians are torn between the demands of their faith on one hand and the pressures of society on the other. Family members must cope with a culture that gives "lip service" on Sunday "to unseen things that are eternal, then scrambles the rest of the week to gain material things that can be seen." This book (by the chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., gives a reassuring look at the Christian family in today's troubled times, and helps Christians trying to maintain integrity as they minister to the world.

SUMNER'S INCIDENTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner (Biblical Evangelism Press, Box 157, Brownsburg, Indiana 46112).

This large volume is full of original, timely anecdotes and illustrations which have not been published before in any other book of anecdotes. Most are real-life stories which give names and places. Pastors, evangelists, Sunday school teachers, public speakers, and others will find it a good reference book. The stories are arranged alphabetically by subject.

TEENS, I'M FOR YOU by J. Marie Hornsby (Jernigan Press, Box 9776, Atlanta, Ga., 41 pp.).

An interesting little book of Christian advice to teen-agers. The writer lives near Gulfport.

A Time For Prayer

Perhaps there never is a time when Christians should not pray. However, there are some times when it is imperative that they do pray. One of those times is now.

Every Christian in America should pray right now for President Nixon and all of those who work with him. Perhaps there have been few times in the nearly 200 years of America history, when a president has carried as heavy a load as this moment. Consider some of his burdens:

—A tragic war, with which he had nothing to do with our involvement, and from which he is desperately striving to disentangle us, without complete surrender to an enemy who is determined to win. In the decision last week to enter Cambodia to destroy the enemy sanctuary there, the president revealed his heart as he rose above politics, and a natural desire for personal popularity and approval, with a decision to do what he felt was necessary for the safety of our nation's forces, and the freedom of the peoples of Southeast Asia.

—A divided nation, torn by strife and the actions of anarchists who are determined to destroy America as we know it, and bring down the present form of

government. Mobs in the streets, howling crowds on campuses, and discordant cries even from high places, create an almost intolerable situation for a chief executive.

—An inflated economy, fed by the continued demands of selfish people, with the resultant threat to the strength and stability of our nation.

—A moral decadence, and an increase in crime, which threaten to tear out the very foundations of American freedom.

—A sapping of spiritual strength, with the church as an institution seeming to have an ever lessening influence on the rank and file of the nation's masses. These are just some of the numerous burdens resting upon the president's shoulders right now. The Bible teaches that Christians should pray for "those in authority." Let us make our president's burdens our burdens, and spend some time each day praying for him, and for all of those who have a part in directing the destiny of our government and of our nation. Certainly, there are many objects for which we should now be praying, but this is one which we must not overlook.

Is This That?

In the second chapter of Acts, Peter explained the experiences of the church at Pentecost by

spoken by him, and then follows with a statement of what Joel had prophesied concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people in the "last days."

Is "THAT" happening again? On page one we have the beginning of a story reporting on revivals that have been sweeping Texas. We urge that you read every word of this story, for it is thrilling and challenging.

In other periodicals we have been reading of mighty revival experiences which have been breaking out on college campuses across the nation. They seem to have begun at Asbury College in Kentucky, but quickly have spread to many other schools. At last report more than 30 col-

leges had felt the quickening power of God's Spirit in the hearts and lives of the students.

Here in our own state, some of the churches have experienced true revivals, and are continuing them now. People are praying, singly and in groups; soul winning witnessing groups are at work; a hunger for the word of God is being manifested; and spiritual power is being felt in the services.

Is God giving revival for our day? We do not know of anything more needed, or of anything else that can meet the present world crisis. God is able to work revival miracles now, even as he has in the past.

We would pray that "this" may be "that," and that revival is coming to Mississippi, to Southern Baptists, to America and to the world right now.

Guest Editorial

The SBC And Bible Conference

W. Ross Edwards
In Word and Way
(Missouri)

It seems now that the attendance at the Bible Conference in Denver, just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be larger than originally thought. A few Southern Baptists will not only stay away from the Bible Conference but are looking at the conference with skepticism and even criticism. One editor called the conference "dangerous." Mo-

tives of participants of the conference have been questioned.

Without naming any person, one editor expressed the opinion that a candidate for the presidency of the convention might emerge from the conference. He mentioned the election of Dr. K. Owen White in 1963, suggesting that his election was the result of some activities of conservative Southern Baptists in connection with the controversy at Midwestern Seminary. It is interesting to

look back and remember that the same charge was leveled in 1962 and 1963 against conservatives. It was said then that some person would likely attempt to ride into the presidency via the Midwestern controversy. In 1963 when the convention convened in Kansas City, your editor was nominated for the presidency, but withdrew. If conservatives had planned for the election of Dr. White, surely a better nominating speech would have been made on his behalf. A minister said that he went to the platform to nominate another man. Someone ahead of him nominated the person he had in mind. He just kept his place in line and nominated Dr. White on the spur of the moment, or was it of God?

At no time was the question of electing a president given consideration in connection with planning and promoting the Bible Conference. Two former presidents of the convention are on the program. The other speakers are outstanding men. Correspondence and discussion reveal that some people seem to be promoting and opposing certain persons for the office of president. We are neither promoting or opposing anyone. No Bible Conference personality is running for the office. We trust that God's man will be chosen for this important position.

A few people seem to be bothered by the fact that the Bible Conference is not a child of some organization of the SBC. One edi-

tor said we were not consulted about the advisability of having the conference. The fact is, over 11 million Southern Baptists were not consulted. A lot of important decisions are made daily without the benefit of any advice or perhaps your advice. Did anyone seek your advice? I was not offended when the E. Y. Mullins Fellowship did not consult me about whether or not they should conduct a meeting in New Orleans in 1969. It seems strange that men who claim to be conservative but who oppose the Bible Conference did not criticize the Mullins Fellowship meeting. These people did not question the motives of those who participated in the meeting.

It has been implied, at least, that those who promote the Bible Conference might not be loyal to the SBC. Is a meeting to affirm faith in the Bible (the basis of our faith, practice and authority) "dangerous"? Is not such a conference an expression of loyalty to the denomination?

The Bible Conference is evidently more significant than was originally thought. When a conference to affirm the Scriptures is opposed by good men, it must be something worth considering. We are getting close to the time for the conference and the convention. It will not take long for us to know whether or not the Bible Conference hurt or helped the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver. It is our hope and prayer that the conference will only help, and not hurt.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Hendersons Coming Home On Furlough

Please note our change of address effective immediately. We hope to arrive in Jackson around May 30. Thank you so much for sending us the Record as we enjoy it very much.

This is the "year of Victory" in Korea and is the culmination of a five year program of Sunday school, stewardship and evangelism. The simultaneous revivals in our churches was concluded today. We now have about half of the 407 churches reporting over 3800 new believers. The tremendous task of follow-up begins now and we really hope to see most of these baptized.

W. Guy Henderson
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Mathiston Protests Against Training Union Literature

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which is being sent to the Training Union officials in Nashville from the pastor and the deacons of our church. After a very serious discussion of the Training Union material for this cur-

James S. Dorroh
Mathiston Church
Mathiston, Mississippi
The letter is as follows:

Training Union Department
Baptist Sunday School Board, SBC
127 Ninth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Dear Sirs:

The pastor and board of deacons of Mathiston Baptist Church, in regular meeting on this date, voted unanimously to lodge a formal protest to you concerning the Training Union literature for April, May, and June.

In particular, we previewed the quarterly "Adults Training for Action" and we consider much of the material trivial. Our principal objection, however, centers around Session 5 of Unit II, entitled "Should Parents be Silent on Sex?" To say that we were shocked is stating it much too mildly. Our church, along with many others, has mixed classes for Training Union. It is completely unthinkable that the material in this session could be used in a mixed group in a Baptist church. We have been informed by some of our teachers that they have been unable and unwilling to use some of the material for the intermediate classes in past quarters. We are aware of a possible need for sex education, but we feel that it must be presented in a completely different way than is currently in our literature.

In the past, we have felt considerable pride in our Baptist literature, but we fear that if the present trend is

allowed to continue, we will be unable to maintain the training union in our church. We are spending good mission money for the literature and we feel we should not buy things we cannot use.

We are taking a public stand on this issue and we call for all other pastors and boards of deacons who are in agreement with our position to join us in formal protest. At the same time, we call on all others to join us in prayer for our entire Southern Baptist work.

Prayerfully Yours,
The pastor and the deacons of Mathiston Baptist Church, James E. Drane, pastor.

Silent Majority Can Speak Up

Dear Editor:

We read with interest and approval the article on "Silent Majority," and we, too, think it is time Baptists stand up to be counted for their (our) beliefs. We also read Dr. Criswell's book, "Why I Preach the Bible Is Literally True," and would like to say we believe in it one hundred per cent. If our beliefs are worth having, they are worth fighting for, and we believe the numbers in our Baptist congregations who sit back and say "There is nothing we can do about it" need to re-evaluate the situations and

We believe the time is coming, right at hand, where being a Christian is going to involve much more than it ever has before. In closing we would like to quote Joshua as Dr. Criswell did in his book, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," and we pray the Baptist people will wake up and speak and act before it is too late.

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"The apostle Paul as he looks at the nature of man sees the answer to the question, 'What's wrong with the world today?' — Harper Shannon in 'Riches in Romans,' Broadman Press.

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U.S. Defends Compulsory Chapel

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A cadet or midshipman could be excused from chapel, he continued, if he could prove that compulsory attendance "is counter productive" to the goals of the academy. A man would not be excused solely because he did not believe, he said.

An earlier witness from the Defense Department, Roger T. Kelley, the assistant secretary for manpower and reserve affairs, said that an excuse would not be granted to the man who refused to attend chapel because he felt it was a violation of his First Amendment rights.

Rebuttals to the Pentagon's position during the three-day trial came from two clergymen, one a Baptist, and from a graduate of West Point.

Chaplain Recruitment Affected

A. Ray Appelquist, executive secretary of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, told the court that the mandatory church services has had an "adverse effect" on recruiting chaplains.

When asked to explain, Appelquist, a Baptist and a former Army chaplain, said that "the pool of men interested in the chaplaincy has been reduced" because of the "climate" created by the compulsory attendance regulation.

A spokesman for the National Council of Churches, Dean M. Kelley, told the court of a statement adopted by the National Study Conference on Church and State in 1964. The statement urged that attendance at chapel in military academies "should be completely voluntary at all times."

He quoted also from an official statement in 1968 of the United Methodist Church which said that "participation... must be on a purely voluntary basis." The statement further urged that "there be no penalties" for no tending, "nor rewards" for attendance.

"Worship is not a spectator sport," Kelley declared when asked about the military's stated purpose of requiring the men to attend in order to observe how other men react to religion.

The idea of forced attendance at a worship service is "degrading... offensive... and a mockery," Lt. Robert L. Leslie of Fort Bragg, N. C., testified.

Where Are European —

(Continued from page 1)

Mrs. Erik Ruden, wife of the general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden, said Baptist young people there are forming contacts across denominational borders.

This line of discussion continued in the yearly meeting of the Ruschlikon seminary trustees who met the day after the union officers ended their conference. The trustees applied the question to the future of the seminary itself and raised other questions as well.

Since national Baptist seminaries are growing, and several have working agreement with recognized universities, how might these agreements affect the international seminary in Ruschlikon? Will they endanger Ruschlikon seminary's own reasons for being? Though these questions were raised, they could not be answered.

American-European relationships at the seminary were also discussed, including such things as the tradition that the president has been an American staff missionary of

European and American. Also discussed was a comparatively high attrition rate among American faculty members.

The European emphasis in theological education differs from that prevailing in the Southern Baptist Convention, some trustees pointed out. Religious education, and certain aspects of practical theology, have not been pouar, in Europe as seminary subjects, while they are major emphases in America.

It was pointed out that while the name "Ruschlikon" in Baptist minds most often is associated with the "seminary" here, the Ruschlikon campus houses more than the seminary. Here also are headquarters for a Baptist radio recording studio and training center, and the European Baptist Press Service, news agency of the European Baptist Federation.

Political neutrality and its central location has enabled Switzerland to become a conference center for Europe. Eastern Europeans find it easier to come here than other Western European countries.

The influence of the Ruschlikon seminary on European Baptists is attested by the fact that many of the current general secretaries or presidents of the national unions have studied at Ruschlikon.

The basic issues at these meetings seem to fall into three categories: (1) the future of Baptists as a distinctive denomination in Europe; (2) American-European relationships at Ruschlikon; and (3) Ruschlikon's continuing role as a Baptist international seminary and activities center in the current European environment.



"In Her Loving Arms A Baby"

The first home was made when a woman, cradling in her loving arms a baby, crooned a lullaby. The home is a trust—the place where we retire and shut the world out.—Elbert Hubbard

Letter From Mother

Dear Children,

(Please pardon my addressing you in this manner, for you are actually no longer children; I just can't seem to break the habit.)

Years ago, when you were quite small, I wrote (in a vernacular befitting your ages) a poem which I presented to each of you shortly before Mother's Day. It was the "sing-song" type, no longer considered very good composition or "in step with the times"; but it expressed then, and still expresses, a heartfelt hope. It follows:

Request

I want a gift, this Mother's Day, not made with hands.
I want a gift more permanent: A life that stands

for Christ.
The sentiment, the ritual, is all quite fine;
Your love, your honor, on this day is heady wine

to me.
And yet I know, despite all of the things you give,
The gift that truly honors is the life you live

each day.
So please, my child, I beg of you, this Mother's Day,
Honor my Lord primarily, else all you say

is vain.
To honor me, if you desire, dear child of mine,
Your daily life must honor God; your light must shine

for Him.
This is the gift I want from you, my precious one:

to you.
Years have passed since that simple poem was written. The world we live in has progressed, scientifically, to the point of placing a man on the moon; yet man still hates, and man still strives with man. The world has progressed (?), scientifically, to the point of the capability of mass annihilation, yet peace remains elusive. Man, it seems obvious, is "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of truth." (11 Timothy 3:7)

Understandably, this results in disillusionment, discontent, and a sense of hopelessness among many; but there are others who know that Truth is readily available to all who believe and accept, for they know that Christ proclaimed, "I am the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life—" (John 14:27). Those who know this are obligated to spread the Good News.

I am aware that, in today's world, with its multitude of distraction on every hand, it seems harder to adhere to, and to lead others to acknowledge and acceptance of Truth; but with Christ in you, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, it is gloriously possible.

You have been taught God's Word all your lives. You are recipients of a costly salvation. You have been more fortunate than many. Let me remind you that, with knowledge goes obligation; "— for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required—" (Luke 12:48).

Aside from obligation, your happiness is dependent on your obedience

to God's teachings, for Christ said, "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them." (John 13:17)

So, because I love you, I ask each of you this Mother's day—and every day—to put God first in your life. Give Him pre-eminence over every other person in, and every area of, your life. Be always available to be used as He wills, for His glory. The going may not always be easy, but He will supply you with the Strength you need; you need only to ask. There may be times when you feel utterly alone, except for His Presence, but no other presence affords such peace and such joy. Whatever the future holds for you, always remember that any sacrifice you make for His Sake will seem insignificant when you hear Christ say, "Well done—"

May you always be conscious of His Presence, and always willing to be controlled and empowered by Him.

Prayerfully,
Mother
—Eloise Vance Spears



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A Tribute To A Mother

Faith that withstood the shocks of toil and time;
Hope that defied despair;
Patience that waited for the dawn;
Just, eloquent, and strong
In protest against wrong;
Wide charity, that knew no sin, no fall;
The Spartan spirit that made life so grand,
Mating poor daily needs
With high, heroic deeds
That wrested happiness from Fate's hard hand.
—Louisa May Alcott

True Devotion

It is difficult to surpass the devotion of a British Lord who sent his mother a letter every day — for fifty years!

A Mother's Secret Hope

Youth fades; loves droop;
the leaves of friendship fall;
a mother's secret hope outlives them all. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

The Best Of All

She was the best of all mothers, to whom I owe endless gratitude. —Thomas Carlyle

Prayer For Mothers

Father of life, fold in the everlasting arms of Thy love the torchbearers of life... the mothers of the race. As they struggle up the steep of motherhood, through its travail of mind, body and soul, give them a clearer vision and a guiding wisdom. Grant them the compensation of love returned and understood, and the ultimate satisfaction of knowing that they have lifted those entrusted to their care up into helpful harmony with Thy Kingdom. Bestow an especial tenderness on those who, having borne no children, nevertheless exert the sweet ministries of motherhood over their home circle.

Comfort all lonely, unmothered hearts. Grant the ever-ready power of Thy support through the daily discouragements, the clash and readjustments of ideals, and the anguish of bereavement that comes into all mother's lives. Increase, we pray, their cheerful steadiness, their unselfish strength, and at the close of their days, may they enter into rest with faith undimmed, and unafraid. We ask through Christ, our Lord. —Amen.

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Laymen: Forgotten Baptists?

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Are laymen forgotten Baptists?

George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, has appealed to Southern Baptists to elect a layman as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Perhaps such an appeal is necessary to remind Southern Baptists of their neglect of lay persons.

My study of elections during the last thirty years turns up the following information.

1. Of 102 nominations to the office of president of the Southern Baptist Convention, only eleven nominees were laymen. Four of these were nominated twice each. So only seven laymen have been nominated to this high office in thirty years. And only two have been elected.

2. Of eighty-eight nominations to the office of first vice-president, only eight nominees were laymen. The status — ministerial or lay — of three is unknown to me. Only two have been elected.

3. Of eighty nominations to the office of second vice-president, only nine nominees were lay persons, with the status of four being unknown to me. Five lay persons have been elected to this office.

4. In only twelve of the thirty years has a lay person served in one of these offices. In no year has more than one lay person served in one of them. In each of the last two decades — 1950's and 1960's — lay persons have served in only three years out of ten.

5. Lay persons outnumber ministers at least 300 to 1 among Southern Baptists, but in nominations for president, first vice-president, and second vice-president in 1969 ministers outnumbered laymen 8 to 1.

6. Lay persons have also had a lesser role on governing boards of Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, and commissions.

It was not until 1959 that the convention amended its bylaws to require the inclusion of "both ordained and lay persons" on these boards. Ordained persons were already well represented on these boards. The amendment said: "Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group should be drawn from either category." So the amendment's effect was to insure lay participation at a minimal level of one-third.

Anyone who looks at the roster of elected representatives, carried in each year's SBC Annual, will quickly see that ministers predominate on major agency and seminary boards, with lay representatives constituting slightly over one-third of the total number. Only on hospital, foundation, education, and brotherhood boards do lay persons constitute a majority. On boards of other commissions ordained men are clearly in the majority, in most cases having sixty to sixty-five per cent of the positions.

7. State conventions also look to ministers to serve as presidents. Of the thirty state convention presidents of 1968-69, listed in the 1969 SBC Annual, twenty-six appear in the list of pastors in the same annual. What is one to make of such evidence?

Despite an abundance of fine words about the importance of lay persons in the life of Baptist churches and conventions, deeds—especially deeds

related to choosing officials — imply, it appears, a preference for ministers. Deeds may even imply a belief that ministers should control.

Theory, however, does not permit us to admit that ministers should control.

Perhaps "benign neglect" of laymen is the reason for nominating and electing ministers. If so, it can be corrected by thoughtfulness.

MC Biology Prof Receives Grant To Pursue Research Program

The cutting off of a lizard's tail at Mississippi College might help solve some of the muscle diseases of man the world over.

Sound silly?

Maybe so! But, to Dr. Prentiss Cox, associate professor of biology at Mississippi College, it's a serious matter. Dr. Cox is the recipient of a \$4,600 grant from the Brown-Hazen Fund of the Research Corporation to pursue a research program entitled "Analysis of Factors Preventing Fusion of Myoblasts In Vitro."

Sound frightening?

Of course it does to the average layman, but to Dr. Cox it's just routine, everyday talk.

He has been thinking and researching along these lines for several years now, but thanks to the Brown-Hazen grant he can now get down to some deep and serious research.

He's primarily interested in cell differentiation — how they became the particular thing they are.

Lizards are the animals he chose as his research species because they are capable of undergoing regeneration. They can grow a new tail if their original one is removed. The cells in the regenerating tail are capable of growing and differentiating just like in the egg itself.

Lizard myoblasts in in vitro culture will fuse or fail to fuse depending on the growth medium. The proposed research would determine which of the components of the nonfusion medium is responsible for failure of the lizard myogenic cells to fuse.

His research could improve our knowledge about muscles in general.

"There are a number of muscle diseases that cause deterioration or failure of muscles to develop properly," says Dr. Cox. "Through the study of the cells we might be able to find out why these muscles are acting abnormal."

Part of the money he receives from the grant will be used for purchase of needed equipment — mainly a phase microscope and camera. Because of its special light condenser, the phase microscope allows you to see living cells.

"Cells are usually transparent," he explains, "and light shines right through them."



"With the phase microscope the cells are brought into outline and can be studied."

Dr. Cox expects his research will take approximately two years, although he doubts if he will ever complete the task.

"By the time you've finished one phase of the research, you have discovered areas for additional study and analyzing so you begin research that and it winds up being almost an endless project."

Assisting him in his research will be Miss Marianna Gunter of Clinton, an honor student at the college. Miss Gunter will be working with him to fulfill part of her obligations as a participant in the Honors Program.

Dr. Cox has always had an interest in research. He holds the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, the master of science from the University of Mississippi, and the doctor of philosophy degree from Case Western Reserve University. He spent the school year 1968-69 as a postdoctoral research fellow at Case Western.

The Brown-Hazen Grants Program under which he will be working in his current research, is named for Rachel Brown and Elizabeth Hazen, inventors of nystatin, the first antifungal antibiotic to be proved safe for human use.

The Beautiful Gift

What can a mother give her children
Greater today than this one great thing—
Faith in an old, sweet, beautiful story,
A star, a stable, a new-born King?

... as the winds from the sea.

Faith in the young lad come to manhood;
Jesus, compassionate, tender and true.
Oh, my children, what more glorious
Gift in the world can I give to you?

Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness,
Hold it for warmth when the day is cold,
Keep it for joy when youth goes singing;
Clasp it for peace when you are old.

What can a mother give her children
More than a faith that will not dim?
Take it my dear ones, hold it forever;
A lamp for a lifetime, faith in Him.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

Song For Mother

My mother has the prettiest tricks
Of words and words and words.

She shapes her speech all silver fine
Because she loves it so.
And her own eyes begin to shine
To hear her stories grow.

God wove a web of loveliness,
Of clouds and stars and birds,
But made not anything at all
So beautiful as words.

They are as fair as bloom or air,
They shine like any star,
And I am rich who learned from her
How beautiful they are.
—From the poem by Anna Hempstead Branch (1905)

Mother's Love

Mother's love grows by giving.
—Charles Lamb

All I Owe To Her

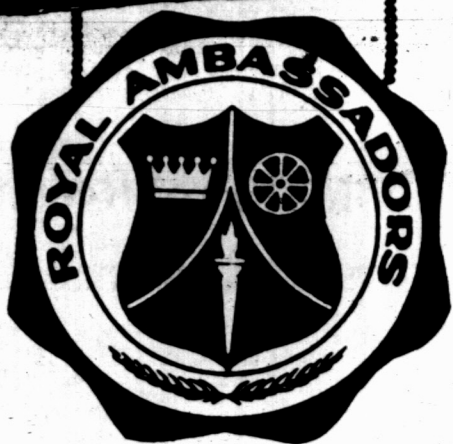
Abe Lincoln said: "All that I am,
or hope to be, I owe to my mother."



ON MOTHER'S DAY, flowers for grandmother. —(RNS Photo)

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Woman's Missionary Union

Chartered Bus Trip, WMU Conference Glorieta Baptist Assembly

The dates for our chartered bus trip this summer will be July 25 - August 6. The itinerary follows and the total cost is \$165, excluding food enroute, spending money and approximately \$2 admission fee to Grand Canyon National Park and Petrified Forest National Park.

Saturday, July 25, Drive from Jackson to Wichita Falls, Texas.
Sunday, Leave Wichita Falls, drive to Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Monday, July 27, Leave Albuquerque, drive through Gallup and Petrified Forest National Park to Grand Canyon.
Tuesday, July 28, Visit Grand Canyon.
Wednesday, Drive from Grand Canyon to Santa Fe.
Thursday, Sightsee in Santa Fe, then out to Glorieta Baptist Assembly for the WMU Conference.
Wednesday, August 5, Leave Glorieta, drive to Wichita Falls.
Thursday, August 6, Drive from Wichita Falls to Jackson.
Registration fee of \$3 should be sent immediately to WMU, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205 and balance of \$162 should be sent in by July 10. Make checks payable to Woman's Missionary Union.
For a delightful trip go to Glorieta this summer!

Revival Dates

Daniel Memorial, Jackson: April 19-25; Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor; First, Columbia, evangelist; Dr. Edwin McNeely, Newton, in charge of music; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor; five by letter; 16 for baptism; many rededications.

Skyline Church: April 19-25; Rev. Arthur D'Hallecourt, Cason Church, evangelist; Bobby Lockett, song leader; Marie Farmer, pianist; Lebranda Mann, organist; 27 rededications; four professions of faith; two additions by letter; Rev. S. J. Meador, pastor.

Kreble Avenue Church, Moss Point: April 19-19; Rev. Joe Blackwell, pastor; Rev. James Miller, assoc. pastor; Calvary, Pascagoula, singer; Rev. Ralph Brady, Pearlhaven, Brookhaven, evangelist; decisions and additions registered every evening during the meeting, including dedications of life as well as professions of faith; services concluded with the ordinance of baptism on Sunday night.

Sharon Church, Route 1, Long Beach: March 22-April 5; Rev. Lester Hawkins, Trinity, Biloxi, evangelist; Neil Erickson of Gulfport Heights Church, music director; 61 additions; 64 for baptism; 12 by letter or statement. (Twenty-seven were baptized on March 29, a record for the church, and 18 baptized on April 5.) Rev. Julian Burt, pastor.

Magnolia Street, Laurel: April 19-26; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., evangelist; Verne I. Taylor, singer; Rev. Tom D. Sumrall Jr., pastor; 22 professions of faith; 7 by letter; many rededications.



New FCA Officers

New officers for the Mississippi College chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes have been elected for the 1970-71 year. Serving the organization will be, from the left, Gary Smith, a Laurel junior, president; David Holloway, an Ackerman sophomore, secretary - treasurer; Roy Lee, a Prentiss junior, Youth Team chairman; and Danny Boutwell, a Moss Point junior, vice-president. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Rebecca Walters of Natchez has been awarded a Freshman Honors Program scholarship at William Carey College. The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Walters of Immanuel Church, Natchez, Rebecca is an academic honor student. She is presently a senior at Natchez High School. For eight years she has studied piano and has begun teaching piano also. She is especially interested in teaching music to deaf children. She will seek to earn a bachelor of science degree in Carey's new School of Nursing and will concentrate on Pediatrics.

William M. (Bill) Arnold, graduate of Mississippi College, was the recipient of the J. M. Price Scholarship Award presented during the Awards Presentation Program on April 28 at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association awards a scholarship each year in honor of its founder, J. M. Price, who also was the first director of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Seminary. The award is made to the religious education student who, in the judgment of a faculty committee, has given evidence at the end of his or her first year of having those qualities which will enable him or her to make an outstanding contribution in the field of religious education. These qualities include "consecration, personality, scholastic achievement, attitude, leadership, and a spirit of teamwork."

Gene P. Daniel, specialist in institutional mortgage banking and group insurance administration, has been added to the Development Division staff of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. Daniel is the son of L. T. Daniel, senior associate secretary for Development Division II.

Gus Cabrera, South American student at Carey, guitarist, was featured in a folk concert presented by "The Carpenter's Wood" of Carey College, at Southside Church, Hattiesburg, Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Rev. Garland McInnis is the Southside pastor.

Lee Hollaway, 27-year-old assistant editor of Royal Ambassador publications, has been named editor of Crusader materials at the Brotherhood Commission here. In his new position, Hollaway will be responsible for editing Crusader, a new 36-page monthly magazine for Baptist boys in grades 1-6 (ages 6-11); Crusader Counselor, a new 48-page magazine for counselors of Crusader chapters; and undated materials for the Crusader program. Named associate editor of the two magazines was Charles Frevele, Jr., a 29-year-old assistant Royal Ambassador editor. Hollaway, son of a former missionary to Japan, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Ouachita University, received his Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary and his Master of Arts in journalism from the University of Missouri.

The senior, junior and sophomore classes at Mississippi College have selected their leaders for the 1970-71 school year. Elected by the seniors-to-be were Jim Cole, Tulsa, Okla., president; Wayne Kimbrough, Jackson, vice-president; Jane Hatch, Rockville, Md., secretary; Linda McGee, Meridian, treasurer; and

Brooklyn, president; Gayle Long, Tupelo, vice-president; Judy Freeman, New Albany, secretary; Beth Farmer, Pascagoula, treasurer; David Holloway, Ackerman, reporter; and Mary Anne Hood, Sledge, chaplain. The sophomore class will be led by Steve Gill, Mendenhall, president; Perry Perkins, Greenwood, vice-president; Lucy Hansford, Pascagoula, secretary; Cindy Davis, Indianola, treasurer; Sherry Collins, Bruce, reporter; and Wiley Abel, Belzoni, chaplain.

Charles (Chuck) Mason has accepted the call as music and youth director of Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst. Mr. Mason is also serving as teacher and coach at Hazlehurst High School. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Open House Showcase At Denver In June

During the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 1-4, the place to be after hours is the Open House Showcase, 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the California Suite at the Radisson Hotel. "Rev. Ed Stalenecker will emcee this informal program of fellowship and inspiration," states Charles Massee, president of the National Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. On behalf of the Conference, Charles Massee invites everyone to "hear and meet your favorite evangelistic singers at the Open House."

Names In The News



REV. JOE ANDERSON, center, was ordained to the gospel ministry on April 26 at South Louisville Church. The son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Jr. of Meridian, he is pastor of the Hopewell Church, Choctaw County. A graduate of University of Mississippi, he is married to the former Janice May of Meridian. Rev. Gwin Middleton preached the ordination sermon; Grady Sanders, chairman of deacons, pictured at right, presented the Bible; Rev. Fred Trexler, Jr., at left, South Louisville pastor, led the ordination prayer. Others on program included Rev. Linwood Porter, Frank Livingston, Rev. Claude Killian, and Rev. J. R. Boutwell.

Dr. James C. Downey, professor of music history at William Carey College, has been awarded a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the year 1970-71. The award and leave of absence granted by the college will be used for research among Negro and white communities in the South and to participate in the Black Studies program of Tulane University.

Dr. Downey will study the ways in which Negro and white religious congregations share common musical and religious forms. The purpose of the study, according to Dr. Downey, will be to show that the traditions of Black and White in the South are basically the same, differing only in degree determined by social and economic factors.

Mrs. Betty Burnett, director of dietetics at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has been chosen "Dietitian of the Year" by the Mississippi Dietetic Association.

Mrs. Burnett has been active for years in district and state dietetic associations and is currently serving as president of the statewide organization. She has served as secretary of the Southern Hospital Conference for Dietitians and assisted in the organization of the Central District Dietetic Association. She received her master's degree from Mississippi College in 1968. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett live in Brandon and have three children.

Rozanne Marie Brashear of Columbus, Ohio, a student at Mississippi College, has received a scholarship from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. The Ohio State Convention has established the scholarship fund to assist and encourage individuals from churches in that state who are preparing themselves for Christian service or who need financial assistance. Miss Brashear, a freshman, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brashear of Columbus, Ohio. (M. C. photo by Joe Lee)

HARPERVILLE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

The Harpersville Church will observe its Centennial on May 24, with morning and afternoon services. A brief history of the church will be read, and two former pastors will preach. Rev. C. J. Olander, retired, of Tchula, will preach at the morning service and Rev. Solmie Smith, pastor of the Superior Avenue Church of Bogalusa, La. will preach in the afternoon service.

Special music is being planned for both morning and afternoon services. Lunch will be served at the church. Rev. Elton Barlow is pastor.

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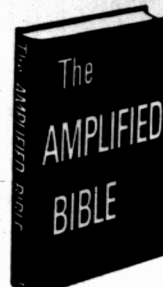
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New editors and business managers for the three major student publications at Mississippi College have been announced by Dr. Norman O'Neal, chairman of the Publications Council. Jimmy Lewis of Kosciusko has been named editor of the Collegian, the campus newspaper; Rita Sheffield of Jackson, editor of the Tribesman, college yearbook; and David Kelly of Baton Rouge, La., editor of the Arrowhead, quarterly literary magazine. Serving with them as business managers will be Kay Cooper of Clinton, Collegian; Mary Lou Donovan of Clinton, Tribesman; and James Griffith, of Clinton, Arrowhead.

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By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 13-14

The central figure in the book of Acts is the Holy Spirit. God through the Spirit of Christ revealed himself through the life and witness of the church. From this point on in Acts, the foremost figure, from a human standpoint, was Paul. He and Barnabas answered the call of the Spirit to launch out as missionaries of the gospel of salvation. Antioch, rather than Jerusalem, became the base for missionary outreach. It was well suited, in geographical situation and in contact with the Gentile world, to become the base for a new thrust in Christian world missions.

The Lesson Explained

BARNABAS AND SAUL COMMISSIONED (13:1-5)

The church in Antioch had its beginning when some of the scattered Christians began to witness to pure Gentiles. A year of teaching led by Barnabas and Saul nurtured the new Christians with understanding of salvation and of God's concern for all peoples. All this combined to create an attitude of responsiveness to the leading of the Holy Spirit, especially as the church gave itself seriously to spiritual worship. The will of the Spirit was that Barnabas and Saul should be set apart for a new phase of missionary endeavor, to launch out with the purpose of preaching the gospel in other countries where it had not been heard. The church, now convinced as to the will of the Spirit, dedicated its two strongest leaders to the task of world missions. Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. Barnabas and Saul decided to go first to Cyprus — the home of Barnabas — as the first step toward Asia Minor. They took John Mark along to assist them in the work.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY TOUR

We have the account of this tour in chapters 13 and 14 of the book of Acts. It tells us that Paul assumed the role of leadership — certainly not aggressively but naturally. The preaching of the apostles related the ministry of Jesus to the Old Testament and the covenant made with Israel. The climax of the proclamation pointed to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Through Jesus salvation is offered to men on the condition of faith. There was opposition to the missionaries and to their message — chiefly on the part of Jews but at times on the part of Gentiles, also. The message about Jesus Christ, blessed by the Holy Spirit, had power for salvation, for both Jews and Gentiles. It was fruitful for the purpose of God in the wonder of his redemption.

RETURN AND REPORT (14:21-28)

The work of the missionaries on the first tour was all in Asia Minor, following the first efforts in Cyprus. Churches seem to have been started in Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. Whether difficulties, other than persecution, had been encountered — as sickness or something else — we do not know. Now Paul and Barnabas decided to retrace their steps to strengthen and encourage the new converts and to assist the young churches in the selection of leaders. They were going back into situations where they had been shamefully treated — Paul having been the victim of stoning in Lystra. But the new Christians needed to learn more of the meaning of Christian discipleship. It means, in part, to experience tribulation through faithfulness to the kingdom of God. Also, the churches needed leaders to guide them in fellowship and in witness and in worship.

Paul and Barnabas captured opportunities for witnessing as they made their way back to Antioch in Syria. One phase of their mission had been completed. They brought back to the church in Antioch a glowing report of missionary accomplishment. God had wrought through them wonderfully to open a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Truths to Live By

Churches ought to give their best to the world task. — The cause of world missions is a foremost obligation of every church. And the work of Christian missions, whether at home or overseas, calls for the leadership and dedicated service of highly trained, wonderfully gifted,

and soundly mature persons. Churches ought to be prayerfully burdened that the Holy Spirit will call their foremost leaders or their most promising young people for the demanding task of worldwide missionary endeavor. And a complement to this truth is that churches should give their best in financial support for world missions, not the leftovers after all luxuries at home are satisfied and provided.

Proclaiming the gospel produces converts. — This is no declaration of automatic results. Proclaiming the truth of the gospel is like sowing seed, which fall on all kinds of soil and which produces a varying harvest. The word of the gospel is redemptive in appeal and in power. The gospel message captures the hearts and minds of lonely and wayward and searching persons, who are drawn by the power of the cross and the love of the living Christ to repentance and to faith. The witness may have to be given many times. God is responsible for the results.

The Christian life means continuing in the grace of God. — The wonder of Christian salvation is that it is an experience of the grace of God. But this is no magic charm that sets one irrevocably on the highway to heaven. It is no mystical inoculation to guarantee against any future spiritual problem. Rather, becoming a Christian involves one in the grace of God, in heroic adventures in living the life of grace — in purity, in steadfastness, in zeal for Christ — and in striving to make the whole of life a tribute of praise to the wonder and strength and glory of God's grace.

Westside, Bruce Calls Coulter

Rev. R. A. Coulter, Jr. began his duties as the new pastor of Westside Church, Bruce, on April 7. For the past seven years he had been pastor of Heuck's Retreat Church in Lincoln County.

Mr. Coulter, a native of Prentiss, is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Marjorie Massey of Vicksburg.

Other of his pastorates have included Benton; Temple, Forest; Harpersville; and Ebenezer, Bassfield. For the last two years he served as moderator of the Lincoln County Baptist Association.

While he was at Heuck's Retreat, the Sunday school attendance showed a substantial increase, from around 91 to approximately 140.

Library Workshop Planned At Webb

Tallahatchie Association is sponsoring a Library Workshop at Webb Church May 7 and 8. Morning, afternoon, and morning, schedules are planned.

Rev. G. E. Jolley, Sr., superintendent of missions, Tallahatchie Association, states, "If you have a library already established, this shop will show you step by step how to select, catalog, and set up filing systems. This would be helpful also to an individual in his own library. If you don't have a library in your church, they will tell you why you should, and you can get started on a shoe-string cost."

The first morning schedule begins at 9:30 a. m. There are two restaurants in Webb; the church will not provide meals.

Mr. Jolley continues, "We are having an approved library representative from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, working through Bill Rose, and we are inviting any who may want to attend."

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A Disciple In Quest Of A Vital Faith

By Bill Duncan

John 11:14-16; 14:1-6; 20:19-31

There is no more famous disciple than the notorious Doubting Thomas. The reason we talk so much about him is that many are able to identify with him. They do not want to be stereotyped as "Missourians," but by nature that is what we are. We have to be convinced. Life that is lived without some doubt may be too glib. We need to prove the truths that are given to us. However, a disciple that has honest questions and an open mind can be a challenge to any teacher. The secret of the Christian life is an open mind that seeks truth based upon evidence. The evidence may not be visible because a lot of Christianity is based upon one fact-God.

Commitment
John 11:14-16

Before one comes to know the "doubter," he needs to know the committed Thomas. This is the better side of his personality. The disciples had just reminded Jesus that the Jews had tried to stone Him in the very region to which he was intending to go. Thomas declared that if a man went along with Jesus they would share in the consequences of the attempt. Nevertheless "Let us go that we may die." This sounds like pessimism about the future. But remember, he was a believer who was willing and ready to die with His Lord.

It is also true that this could have been the inspiration to lead the other disciples to a deeper commitment. All the disciples did go with Him to the home of Lazarus. Many times just one spoken word can contribute to leadership of others. When we remain silent, then the whole world suffers. In our commitment to the Lord let us learn even from Thomas' mistakes. The spirit of pessimism is seen all through his life. This spirit in us can be overcome if we pay the price-faith.

Practical Inquiry

Jesus said "the way ye know." Thomas questioned this, "We don't know where you are going, Lord, and how can we know the way, wherever it is?" It may be that Thomas was being practical and wanting to keep things clear and aboveboard.

The answer to Thomas' question was clear and to the point, which no doubt was reasonable. "I am the way" — not any way or a way — the truth, the life. "No man comes to the Father but by me." If there is any confusion about the things of God, it is on our part. Every time we are honest and sincere we have great help in the answers Jesus gave to life's puzzling questions.

There are some questions that are not practical. The Bible does not answer all the questions the human mind can "think up." However, the answers to the main questions of life are found to have been revealed already. The greatest question is whether or not we are willing to accept what we know.

An Excuse of Absence

There is a clue given for understanding the unbelief of this disciple. "Thomas... was not with them when Jesus came." There was no explanation why Thomas missed that meeting, but before the meeting all the disciples were filled with doubt. The absence was costly in additional days of doubt. They told him of their experience; yet he refused to accept their experience. It had to be an experience of personal communion. There is a lot of assurance that can only come with fellowship with the Lord. To touch the Lord was his desire. When Thomas saw and heard the Lord, his reply was, "My Lord and my God." The witness of other believers is important and essential but there is need for the work of God in the individual heart.

There is a lot of unbelief and unwillingness to follow the Lord in our day and there is a lot of unexcused absence to explain some of it. This is why we need to encourage our people to come and worship the Lord. When we drift away from The Way, then there comes confusion and unbelief that is spoken in doubting words.

Jesus spoke words of rebuke to Thomas. "Blessed are they which have not seen, and yet have believed."

Our lives reveal our need for growth in faith. As we grow in life we need to grow in faith.

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Devotional

A Precious Privilege

Ephesians 6:1-4
By Allen Stephens, Pastor, Bay Vista, Biloxi

Having a Christian home is not an accident. It is a goal which a couple must strive toward even before the marriage vows are spoken. It must be a cooperative effort. The first responsibility is, of course, the parents'. They must be aware of God's demands upon them and upon the necessity of a right start. Children are the most precious gifts that can be given to marriage partners. Even though their love and the bond tying them are important and wonderful, the coming of children into their home strengthens any bond that was already there.

Parents must sense the responsibility that comes with children. It is one which only parents can discharge. God has been gracious enough to give them the child; they should be grateful enough to rear the child up to honor and worship Him. Parents should discharge their duties as parents in love. They should always have the child's best interests at heart whether in discipline or any other area of life, but he is the Lord's gift to parents. "Sons are a gift from the Lord and children a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3 (NEB)

Children, likewise, have a vital part in the making of a Christian home. Children need to remember that even as they are gifts to parents, so are parents God's gift to them. Ungrateful children do not have to encounter too many orphans before they realize how fortunate they are to have parents. The child who disobeys his parents and dishonors them is among the most foolish of all people: "He who talks his father down vexes his mother; he is a son to bring shame and disgrace on them. A son who ceases to accept correction is sure to turn his back on the teachings of knowledge." Proverbs 19:26-27 (NEB)

Yes, the Christian home is a worthy goal, but must be sought diligently by all family members. It is not always easy, but God promises His help if only the family will make the attempt. The home is the first and most vital institution in society. Thus, any home is important, and the Christian family has the added responsibility of demonstrating to non-Christians the rewards of a Christ-oriented home. May this be true of your home!

Revival Dates

Highland, Jackson: May 3-8; Rev.

Ed Gandy, pictured, pastor, West Ellisville Church, evangelist (he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gandy of Highland Church); Bill Clark of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, singer; services during week at 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel, Hattiesburg: May 3-10; youth revival; led by a team of seven ministerial students at William Carey College, David Beasley, Jimmy Foster, Frank Anderson, Will Anderson, Wayne Lenoir, Jason Carlisle, and John Sharp; with George McGee in charge of music; Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Juniper Grove (Pearl River): May

3-10; Rev. Ed Jenkins, former pastor of the church, now pastor of Comete Church, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; Rick Van Egmond, minister of music at Goodyear Church, singer.

Southside Church, Hattiesburg: May 3-6; Rev. John Paul Russell, ministerial student at William Carey, and a four-year U. S. Marine veteran, evangelist; Gary Shows, minister of music at First, Petal, singer; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Highland, Vicksburg: May 4-10; Stewardship Revival; Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary, Miss. Baptist Foundation, evangelist; Rev. Harold Jordan, chaplain at Le Tourneau, singer; services each evening at 7:30, Monday through Saturday; regular hours of worship on Sunday, May 10.

First Church, Searcy, Arkansas
Begins Centennial Celebration

First Baptist Church of Searcy, Arkansas has begun a year-long observance of its Centennial Anniversary. Constituted in 1870, it is one of the oldest Baptist churches in Arkansas.

One of the highlights of the anniversary activities will be the homecoming activities planned for June 20-21. It is expected that several hundred former members and the four living former pastors will return to First Baptist Church for this memorial occasion.

The schedule of activities for the Homecoming include registration, Open House and a Reception on June 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Sunday, June 21, schedule is as follows: Sunday School, with attendance goal of 800, 9:30 a.m.; Regular Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; followed by dinner, furnished in the Fellowship Hall of the church; Historical Pageant at 1:30 followed by the opening of the cornerstone at 2:30.

Persons who expect to attend the fellowship dinner should make reservations with the church office no later than June 14. There will be a limited number of rooms available in private homes at no charge on the first come, first served basis. Plenty of rooms at the hotel and motels will be available and reservations should be made directly to the place of the individual's choice.

The exact date of the beginning of

the first Baptist work in Searcy is not known but in 1847 some Baptists with whom the church can identify were worshipping in a log house. In June 1851 a Baptist church was organized in a little log house on the northwest corner of West Woodruff and South Spruce Streets. During the Civil War this building was taken over by the Northern Army and used as a hospital and finally burned.

In 1870 B. C. Black, merchant and sheriff, gave ground on East Vine Street and a brick building was erected.

Local church records reflect a continuous history since that time, due largely to the interest of Mrs. Joe Knox who is permanent church historian.

In 1899 during the pastorate of Ben Bogard, the present location at Center and Spring streets was purchased and a brick building was built at a cost of \$9,500.00, not including the cost of the beautiful windows which were given as memorials. These same windows are in use today, the present church building having been designed around them.

In 1944 plans were begun for a new building as the old one was completely outgrown.

The first unit, a three-story building was occupied Christmas eve, 1944. The auditorium was completed and dedicated on November 5, 1945.

November 29, 1959, a mission was begun which on February 25, 1962, was constituted into a church, Trinity Baptist Church.

Since 1943 church membership has increased from 586 to approximately twelve hundred; Rev. Anton C. Uth is the present pastor.

McElroys To Present Recital At Clarke

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McElroy will appear in faculty recital in the Lott Fine Arts Building at Clarke College at 3:00 p.m. May 10. Mrs. McElroy will play numbers on both piano and organ; she will accompany Mr. McElroy in vocal selection.

The Choralettes, a girls' ensemble, will sing "Babe of Joy", a song for treble voices written by Mr. McElroy. The program will be dedicated to the memory of baby Melodi McElroy, whose birthday is May 10.

The handbell choir of First Church, Calhoun City, led by Mrs. Jill Baker, will give selections, using handbells purchased by Mr. McElroy.

evangelist; Jerry Talley, Jackson, singer; Rev. Gerald Buckley, pastor; services Monday - Friday at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

West Heights, Pontotoc: May 3-8; Rev. Joel E. Haire, West Point,

Calvary Church, Pascagoula: May 10-17; Evangelist Edward G. Robinson; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; each night at 7:30.

Handsboro Church, Gulfport: May 10-15; Rev. Mel C. Craft, pastor of Coronado Church, Scottsdale, Arizona, evangelist; music under direction of James L. Macaleb, minister of music at Handsboro; Mrs. Elton Pitts and Mrs. Joe Moran, accompanists; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; weekday services at 7:30 p.m. weekday radio program on WGMG at 9:35 a.m.; Dr. Wesley G. Ellis, pastor.

Church music record system items will include a monthly project wall chart, a summary of weekly records, a member's record and a church music report book.

The monthly project wall chart will provide for monthly listing of projects, activities and units selected for the group. Activities may be listed by title or subject under the appropriate heading: personal development, outreach, worship and ministry. Each member may check his participation when he has completed an activity by marking in the appropriate space opposite his name.

The summary of weekly records will include information regarding enrollment, new members, drops, total present, on time, performances one and two, personal development, outreach, worship and ministry.

The church music report book contains instructions regarding the use of the church music record system. Detailed explanatory booklets about the Broadman Church Records System will be mailed this summer to Southern Baptist churches across the nation. State secretaries of church music, Sunday School, and church training departments also will have explanatory material.

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for the luncheon will be Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pictured, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis. Dr. Pollard, now in his tenth year at Bellevue, was President of the Southern Baptist Convention - Convention for two years and of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference for two years. He is now serving on the Evangelism Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and on the Home Mission Board, SBC.

The reunion will also include an important business session.



Tutwiler Getting Ready For The 70's

FIRST CHURCH, TUTWILER celebrated Groundbreaking ceremonies, Sunday, April 12. Pictured above left to right, are Henry Pullen; chairman of Deacons, Ed Wright; Senior Deacons, Wayburn Daniel and W. G. Moore; Pastor, Rev. Paul Hunter. Back row, left to right, Lewis Kellum, James Martindale; Members of the Building Committee, Mrs. Thelma Wright, Mrs. J. W. Kellum, Tom Jennings, Mrs. Robert Miller, Hayward Callicutt, Sam Orman, Chairman - L. W. Kimzey is not pictured. The building will be multiple in purpose. A spacious fellowship hall that can be converted into an adult department plus space for youth activities will be provided. The \$50,000.00 investment will include remodeling of the present two-story educational building. Work will be completed by late summer.



Carey's Music Library Gets Big Boost

William Carey College received a sizeable boost to its new graduate program in music recently in the form of a gift library. The entire American Music collection of the internationally known music critic and historian, Gilbert Chase of Tulane University, plus his personal manuscripts and documents were made available to the William Carey College School of Music. Shown examining the valuable collection as it was taken from the transport truck are Carey personalities: Dr. Joseph Ernest, academic vice-president; Donald Winters, Dean of the School of Music; Dr. James Downey, professor of music and Tulane PhD who arranged for the gift; and Young Shik Lee, librarian.

New Church Record Systems Available June 1

NASHVILLE — New record systems for use by program areas of the church will be available from Baptist Book Stores June 1 as part of the Broadman Church Record System.

In addition to new systems for Sunday School, church training and church music, the Broadman Church Record System will include the church finance record system, the church membership record system, the six point Sunday School record system and the eight point church training record system, all presently in use.

The new system for Sunday School is being provided to enable a church to measure more exactly the effectiveness of its Bible teaching program. It will contain points for measuring progress in eight areas: how- ever, no percentage values will be assigned and no grade will be figured. Areas to be listed on the form are: present, Bible brought, Bible read daily, lesson studied, giving, worship attendance, outreach and ministry.

"Outreach" is classified as contact with a prospect for the purpose of cultivation and enlistment. "Ministry" is defined as a loving response in Christ's name to someone's need.

The new five point record system for church training will include the following points: present, preparation, Bible skills, worship attendance, and study course.

"Preparation" will be checked by the member who has studied curriculum materials and supplements, researched a particular subject and a prepared report, prepared learning aids or completed an assignment related to a specific learning session.

"Bible skills" will be checked by the member who participated in a Bible skills activity during the last meeting of the training group he attended or completed during the past week an individual Bible skills activity suggested in curriculum materials.

"Study course" will be checked by the member when he has earned credit in any manner prescribed by the New Church Study Course. When such credit has been earned, the member may continue to check this point each week for a period of six months.

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"Mountaineer" Dedicated

Because of the high regard for the Head of the Blue Mountain College Department of Education, Mrs. J. R. Lewis, students of Blue Mountain College chose to dedicate the MOUNTAINEER, 1970 college yearbook, to her. Mary Marston, left, Iron Mountain, Michigan, editor of the yearbook, is shown making the presentation of a copy to Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis, a member of the BMC faculty since 1965, is advisor for the student Education Association of the college.

Off The Record

HARD ON THE ARTERIES

One busy morning it took some time for the doctor to see all the patients in his waiting room. He apologized to an elderly man for the long delay. "I don't mind the wait so much," came the reply, "but I thought you would prefer treating my ailment in its earlier stages."

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The jet age is wonderful, but there's just one drawback. There's no longer any such thing as a distant relative.



Meredith Douglas Ezell, pictured, Greenville, Miss., will receive the Doctor of Theology degree during commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, at 9:30 a.m., May 8, in Truett Auditorium. Mr. Ezell is presently employed by Southwestern as instructor of New Testament.

Naylor will present degrees and diplomas to approximately 220 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music.

Ten other Mississippians will receive degrees at Southwestern May 8. They are Philip H. Myers, Ellisville, MRE; Seth W. Mitchell, Stewart and Eupora, MRE; Richard Lonnie Jones, Forest and Harpersville, MRE; Larry Keith Salter, Pascagoula, MRE; Luther Russell Bush III, Columbia, Master of Divinity; Jerry Anderson Hubbard, Senatobia, Master of Divinity; Sidney Braxton Thompson, West Point, Master of Church Music; Jerry Douglas Walker, Biloxi, BCM and MRE; Ross Wilson Rogers, Pascagoula, MCM; and John W. Barnett, Yazoo City, Diploma of Theology.

First Reunion Of Ministerial Students
To Be Held At Blue Mountain On May 8

At Blue Mountain College, on Friday, May 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., there will be a special reunion of all ministerial students—current, former undergraduates, and graduates of BMC.

This will be the first such reunion held on the campus of Blue Mountain College. All members of the Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alliance are invited to bring their wives and children to the reunion. A nursery will be available for the children at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church.

Registration will be held in the foyer of the Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. A reception will be held immediately following registration, in the Faculty Room of Whitfield Residence Hall, with Dr. and Mrs. James L. Travis as host and hostess.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 noon, in Ray Dining Hall. Guest speaker



for the luncheon will be Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pictured, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis. Dr. Pollard, now in his tenth year at Bellevue, was President of the Southern Baptist Convention - Convention for two years and of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference for two years. He is now serving on the Evangelism Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and on the Home Mission Board, SBC.

The reunion will also include an important business session.



Starkville Boys Win Awards For Highest S.S. Grades

Fifth grade boys' Sunday school classes of Starkville, First Church, are pictured on awards day where

progress. The first contest was sponsored by Buddy Wofford, teacher of one of the classes. He offered a prize to the member of each class who would make highest average grade for first quarter of this year. Extra points were allowed for visitors and new members. Nature of prize was not revealed until awards day. At that time Mr. Wofford presented to each of the winners a neatly-framed personal letter of commendation from nationally-famous Ole Miss Baptist quarterback who has a 13-year perfect Sunday school attendance record. Mr. Wofford also presented to winners a fine, brand-new baseball glove.

Competition still in progress is a fishing rodeo in which Upward class

challenged Mr. Wofford's class to a best two-out-of-three series to see which

at end of each trip is to get engraved plaque, with class winning two of the three fishing trips to be awarded permanent possession of plaque.

Front row L. to R: Mr. Wofford, teacher; Robert Moore; John Barton (Upward class winner); Bobby Tomlinson (Mr. Wofford's class winner); David Linder; Greg Long presenting plaque to Upward members Allan White and John Lewis, winners of initial trip by slight margin. Shown between recipients is Freddy Craddock. Back row L. to R: Eddie Martin; Mason Buckner; Steve Hardee; Lee Howell; Bryce Robinson; Arlis Anderson, Upward teacher. Their pastor is Dr. D. C. Applegate, with Paul Adams as youth director.

Zion Hill
Calls Pastor

Zion Hill Church, one of the oldest churches in Amite County, which is part of the oldest Baptist organization in Mississippi, the Mississippi Baptist Association, has a new pastor. Rev. Arthur Smith, who has served as pastor of the Glading church in the same association for the past nine years, has accepted the call of Zion Hill to be their pastor.

During Mr. Smith's ministry at Glading, a strengthening of the fellowship and an increase in baptisms were noted.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of the pub-

Philadelphia Homecoming

Philadelphia Church, Route 1, Wesson, Lincoln County will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, May 17. Rev. W. P. Miley, former pastor, will be the guest speaker. The Zionlighters, of Copiah County, will furnish special music. Rev. Tommy Marlowe is the pastor.

lic school system of Birmingham, Ala. He completed extensive correspondence course and attended Southwest Mississippi Junior College in Summit. Prior to his call to the ministry, he served as a deacon at Gillsburg Church; that church both licensed and ordained him to the Gospel ministry.